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Please replace paragraph [0001] and substitute therefor paragraph [0001] submitted in clean, replacement form herein below.

**[0001]** This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/469,200, filed December 21, 1999, entitled "HYALURONATE SYNTHASE GENE AND USES THEREOF", which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/899,040, filed July 23, 1997, entitled "HYALURONATE SYNTHASE GENE AND USES THEREOF", now abandoned, and which also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application U.S. Serial No. 60/064,435, filed October 31, 1997, entitled "GROUP C HYALURONAN SYNTHASE GENE AND USES THEREOF".

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